

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for use with substantially tall poles comprising:
a covering layer of non-corrosive material positionable around at least a part of a pole
exterior.
- 5 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the pole is 30 foot or longer when assembled.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the pole is made of tubular material.
- 10 4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the tubular material is steel.
5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the pole is tapered.
6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the pole is slip-fittable to a base positioned in
15 the ground or on a support.
7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the poles are elongated for elevating lighting
fixtures on cross-arms.
- 20 8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the pole comprises a plurality of sections.
9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the sections slip-fit together.
10. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the apparatus comprises an independent
25 covering layer for each pole section.
11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein each of the plurality of covering layers
overlaps an adjacent covering layer.
- 30 12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the overlapping is succeeding lower parts
over preceding upper parts of covering layers.

13. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the covering layer comprises a sheet material adapted to be wrapped around a pole.
14. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the sheet material is flexible.
- 5 15. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the sheet material comprises vinyl.
16. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the vinyl comprises a vinyl/acrylic alloy.
- 10 17. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the sheet material is a fraction of an inch thick.
18. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the fraction of an inch thick is approximately .040 inches thick.
- 15 19. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the sheet material has top, bottom and opposite side edges.
- 20 20. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein opposite side edges are rolled into a U-shape, both on the same side of the sheet material.
21. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the sheet material is trapezoidal when in a flat configuration.
- 25 22. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the sheet material is trapezoidal in a flat orientation and includes rolled edges along opposite converging side edges.
23. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the width of the sheet material is predesigned such that opposite side edges are adjacent but not overlapping when wrapped around a pole.
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24. The apparatus of claim 23 further comprising a fastener to secure sheet in a wrapped position around the pole.
25. The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the fastener comprises an elongated clip
5 having a base with inwardly angled walls at opposite side edges of the base, in a normal position inwardly angled walls defining an opening therebetween.
26. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the inwardly angled walls are deformable upon application of sufficient force to hold them inwardly and downwardly so that they
10 exert clamping pressure.
27. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein the deformable walls are adapted to clamp rolled under edges of sheet material upon deformation.
- 15 28. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a fastener adapted for passing through the sheet material and engagement with the pole or structure attached to the pole to prevent longitudinal movement of the sheet material.
29. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the fastener comprises a screw.
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30. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the fastener comprises a bolt and the item attached to the pole a nut.
31. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an opening formed in the covering
25 layer.
32. The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the opening formed in the cover layer corresponds to an opening or structure on the pole.
- 30 33. The apparatus of claim 31 further comprising a sealing member adapted to be positioned around the opening in the covering layer.

34. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a seal on top of the covering layer relative the hole.

5 35. The apparatus of claim 34 wherein the seal comprises a caulk-type material.

36. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the covering layer substantially covers all of a pole.

10 37. The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the covering layer is colored.

38. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the coloring is predesigned to match an environmental feature around a pole.

15 39. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the coloring is predesigned to correspond to a recognized combination of colors indicating affiliation with a group or organization.

40. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the covering layer is textured.

20 41. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the covering layer is patterned.

42. A method of protecting the exterior of substantially tall poles comprising: covering at least a part of the pole with a separate non-corrosive material.

25 43. The method of claim 42 wherein the step of covering comprises wrapping a portion of the pole with a sleeve.

44. The method of claim 43 further comprising securing adjacent portions of the sleeve relative to one another.

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45. The method of claim 43 further comprising securing the sleeve against longitudinal movement along the length of the pole.

46. The method of claim 42 wherein the substantially tall poles are 30 foot or longer.

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47. The method of claim 43 wherein the pole is tapered and sleeve is trapezoidal when in flat position.

48. The method of claim 42 wherein the pole comprises a plurality of sections and the covering step comprises applying a plurality of sleeves in overlapping fashion to the pole.

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49. The method of claim 48 wherein the overlapping portions comprise overlapping succeeding portions above over preceding portions below.

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50. The method of claim 42 wherein the covering part comprises a flexible vinyl/acrylic alloy material.

51. The method of claim 43 wherein the sleeve has rolled opposite edges.

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52. The method of claim 42 further comprising sealing the top of the sleeve relative to the pole once wrapped on the pole.

53. The method of claim 42 wherein the covering part comprises at least one of preselected color, texture, or pattern.

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54. A combination of apparatus for elevating items to substantial heights comprising:

(a) an elongated pole of thirty feet or more in length;

30 (b) a non-corrosive cover positional over a substantial portion of the exterior of the pole.

55. The combination of claim 54 further comprising:
- (a) the covering of a plurality of trapezoidal shaped sheets predesigned in dimension in having opposite vertical rolled under edges;
 - 5 (b) the dimensions predesigned for wrapping each section of sleeve around a section of the pole such that opposite vertical rolled edges are adjacent but not overlapping;
 - (c) a clip of C-shaped cross-section adapted to receive opposite rolled under edges of the sleeve section and deformable to clamp the rolled edges to secure the wrap
 - 10 sleeve to the pole.